

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, April 9, 1903, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C. April 9, 1903. My dear Alec:

I am sorry I did not write yesterday.

Your father seems much more like himself today, has been dressed and tells everybody that he has not felt so well in years, that he never felt better in his life. But though bright, he is not strong and Dr. Sowers did not care to have him go out for a drive. However he sat by the open window a long time and he has a great deal of company. Aileen was in and told him about Mrs. Lander. Her house is to be pulled down for the new railroad station, but she does not mind for she does not expect to live long enough to be turned out. She does not give herself till June.

Then Mrs. Grosvenor, Elsie and Melville were there a long time. Bert and Mr. Grosvenor also called and I had Lily and Will in to dinner so they could spend the evening with your father.

I had a telegram from Mrs. McCurdy this morning, it said "Well, leaving Friday" and was dated at Cairo. Mrs. Bell was glad to get it.

They are having a great rumpus over Red Cross matters. All the Washington members have been suspended for trying to reorganize it. These members are all of the best people here. Miss Mabel Boardman heads the list, then there is B.H.Warner, Thomas F. Walsh and people like that. Mr. Kennan must be pleased.

Life goes quietly without you. The days are abnormally long. 2 Come home soon.

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Asa Grosvenor has informed his family of his engagement to Miss Gertrude Hanna, daughter of a prominent banker of Fort Wayne. She is of the “tall divinely fair” variety and Asa remarks she really is in love with him — “Why he fails to see”. Anyway she is “willing to leave her luxurious home for his sake”. He has just received his promotion and is very hopeful and says he now has enough to support her comfortably. The Grosvenors are all very much pleased.

Susie McCurdy wrote that “Jack” had told her the papers said you were due in Milwaukee and she envied you the privilege of being in the same town with Jack.

I love you dear and want you home again.

As ever yours.